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BKROOM!
SPRAKKK

HOOLATH!
WAIT!
MERCY!
I APOLOGIZE!
SPARE MY LIFE!
HRRK!

VERMIN! LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU!
ROSALIA...?!
ROSALIA! ARE... ARE YOU OKAY?
IT'S YOUR SISTER, KARULA!
ROSALIA...?
KARULA...?
MY... DEAR... SISTER...
THANK THE GODS! YOU'RE ALIVE!

I...
I'M SORRY.
YOU'VE SUFFERED SO MUCH BECAUSE OF ME.
I'M SO SORRY...
WELL, BOSS... LOOKS LIKE WE PULLED IT OFF.
HRM...?!
KRKK
!
UH, ROSALIA...?
DON'T SQUEEZE QUITE SO HARD... IT--
SKRAGH
NGG!!
KRAK
KARULA! GET AWAY! THAT'S NOT YOUR SISTER!

KURGH, SUPREME WARLOCK GENERAL OF THE ROMUNILIAN EMPIRE... AT YOUR SERVICE.
PRINCESS KARULA... I'M HONORED TO MEET YOU AT LAST.

YOU BASTARD!
LET HER GO!
LET US NOT BE RASH, MY FRIEND, OR THESE CLAWS WILL SINK EVEN DEEPER INTO HER PRECIOUS BODY.
AAH!
THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A QUIET CONVERSATION. ALLOW ME TO INVITE YOU TO MY CASTLE.
DROP DEAD! LEGGO OF ME!
BUT YOUR DEAR SISTER ROSALIA IS ALREADY ENJOYING MY HOSPITALITY.
WHAT...?
THE "ROSALIA" THAT BUMBLING FOOL SLEPT WITH WAS A COPY--ONE OF MY SHADOW BEINGS.
I THINK I DESERVE SOME THANKS, PRINCESS. I'VE SAVED YOUR SISTER'S CHASTITY!
ARROGANT LITTLE WORM, AREN'T YA? YA OVER-GROWN CENTIPEDE!
ANNOYING GNATS...
SHIZZKK

FZAK
WHRAM
UWAAAH!
DARD!
KARULA!
MA'AM!
THEY SPEAK OF RATS ABANDONING A SINKING VESSEL...
BUT I THINK IT BEST THAT *YOU* VERMIN GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP!
COME BACK HERE, YOU COWARD!!
MA'AM!

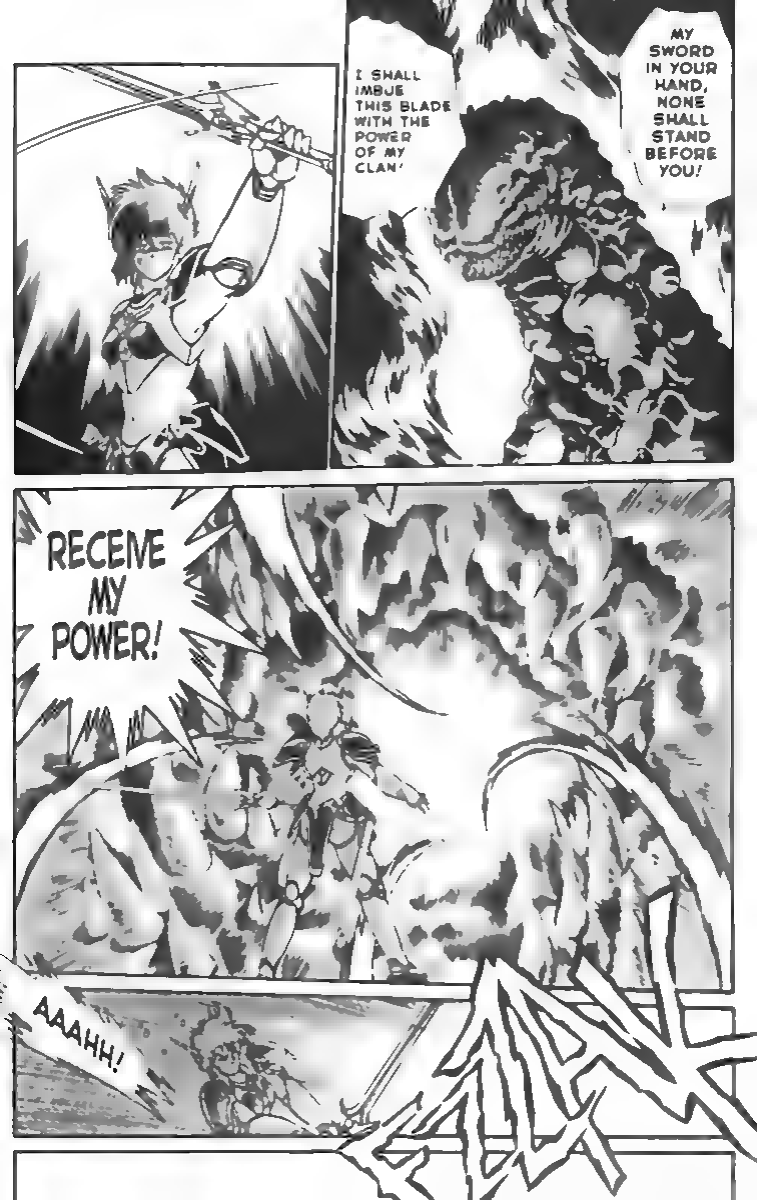
FWHOOSH
DAMN IT!!
BKROOM

SHRAAAK!
CON

UHH...
...?
DID YOU SLEEP WELL, PRINCESS ?
KURGH
YOU MONSTER

SO...THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL HOSPITALITY?
IT SEEMS THE SUPREME WARLOCK GENERAL OR WHATEVER YOU CALL YOURSELF NEVER STUDIED ETIQUETTE.
AH, MY APOLOGIES. IT IS JUST THAT OTHERWISE I'M AFRAID MY GUEST MIGHT PROVE... TROUBLESOME.
I DO NOT WISH TO FOLLOW IN EMPEROR GUSTAV'S FOOTSTEPS, SO TO SPEAK.
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TALK.
WELL, TALK!
ACTUALLY, PRINCESS, I THOUGHT I MIGHT OFFER A HELPING HAND.
A WHAT...?!
YOU WISH TO KILL THE EMPEROR AND TOPPLE THE EMPIRE. I LIKE THAT. PERHAPS I CAN HELP.
HAH! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WANT TO USE ME TO KILL YOUR OWN MASTER. THAT WAY YOU KEEP YOUR OWN CLAWS CLEAN.
HEH...DON'T TELL ME YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT GUSTAV WITH YOUR PITIFUL POWERS.

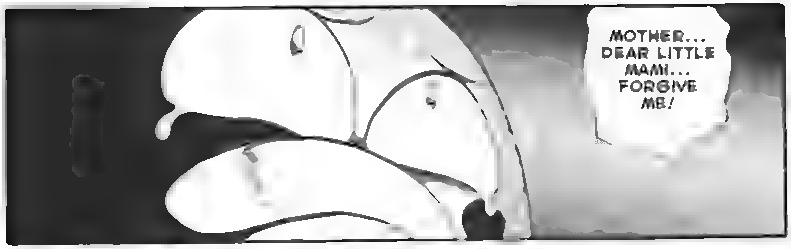
YOU MAY BE GOOD WITH THAT LITTLE SWORD OF YOURS, PRINCESS, BUT YOU ARE *MORTAL*, AFTER ALL.
AH
SO HOW DO YOU INTEND TO KILL THE IMMORTAL GUSTAV, *EH...?*
ALLOW ME TO LOAN YOU ONE OF MY POWERS
IF ANYONE CAN WIELD IT, YOU CAN.
Y . YES, MASTER
HEH HEH HEH! SUCH A GOOD LITTLE GIRL!
HERE'S A PRETTY SWORD FOR YOU.
DRAW IT, IF YOU WILL.


I SHALL IMBUE THIS BLADE WITH THE POWER OF MY CLAN!
MY SWORD IN YOUR HAND, NONE SHALL STAND BEFORE YOU!
RECEIVE MY POWER!
AAAHH!

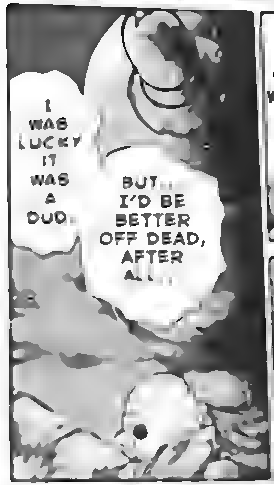
ZAKK
FZZZK
KOZZK
FEED THIS SWORD ON BLOOD, UNTIL THE VERY BLADE GLOWS RED WITH THE CRIMSON SHEEN.
DO THIS, AND YOU SHALL FEAR NOTHING. DO THIS, AND YOU SHALL BE THE GREATEST WARRIOR OF THE BLADE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN
JUST FEED IT WITH BLOOD ..

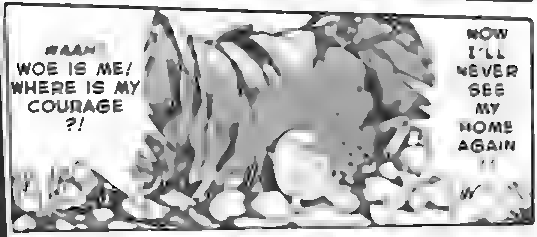
FINKZK
HEH, HEH, HEH... AND I'LL SEND YOU BLOOD, MY PRINCESS, UNTIL YOU SICKEN AT THE SIGHT OF IT!
NYA HA HA HA!
YOU'RE IN GOOD SPIRITS THIS DAY, GENERAL KURGH!
!!
DANTON!
YOU TROUBLE-MAKER! I FORBADE YOU TO PASS WITHIN THESE DOORS
DID YOU? ACCH, MY POOR MEMORY, HOW IT FAILS ME.
PERHAPS I'M A WEE BIT EARLY, BUT I CAME TO CONGRATULATE OUR NEWEST EMPEROR.
HSS!

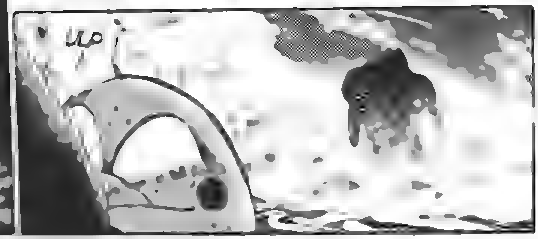
FWHAMM!
YOU FILTHY LITTLE SCHEMER... WHAT ARE YOU PLOTTING NOW?!
YOU'D BEST NOT INTERFERE WITH MY PLANS, OR I'LL...
FZZK
HO HO HO! WHY SHOULD POOR DANTON WISH TO RULE THE WORLD?
I AM AN OBSERVER, NOTHING MORE.
PERHAPS, BUT CAN I TRUST YOUR SLIPPERY WORDS?
WE WILL MEET AGAIN, SOON, GENERAL...
AN OBSERVER...?
THAT FOUL TRICKSTER WILL NEVER BE CONTENT TO JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH.
DAMNED MEDDLER!
GRRAAGH!


MOTHER... DEAR LITTLE MAMI... FORGIVE ME!

I'M A FAILURE OF A MAN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE SPECIAL ATTACK FORCES.
AND THEN CHICKENING OUT! WHILE ALL MY FRIENDS DIED GLORIOUSLY FOR OUR COUNTRY, I...
I TURNED TAIL AND RAN


I WAS LUCKY IT WAS A DUD.
BUT... I'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD, AFTER ALL...


WAAH WOE IS ME! WHERE IS MY COURAGE ?!
NOW I'LL NEVER SEE MY HOME AGAIN ...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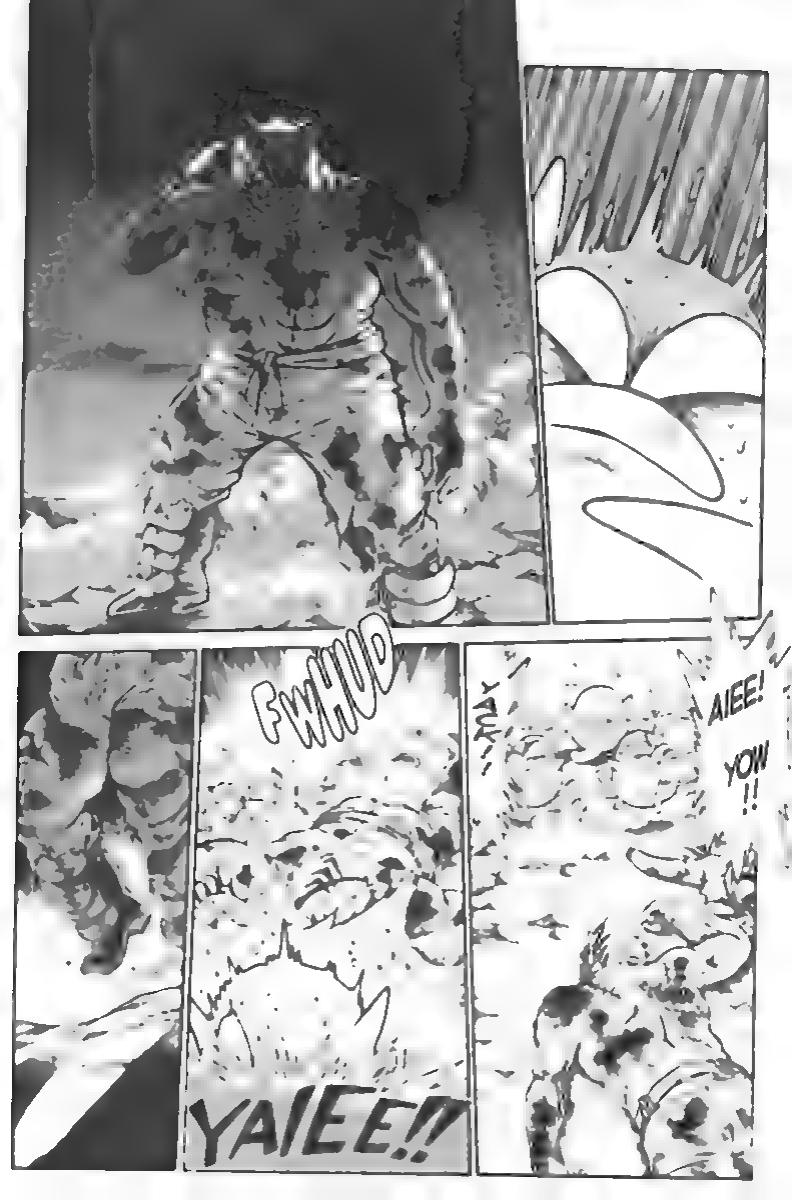
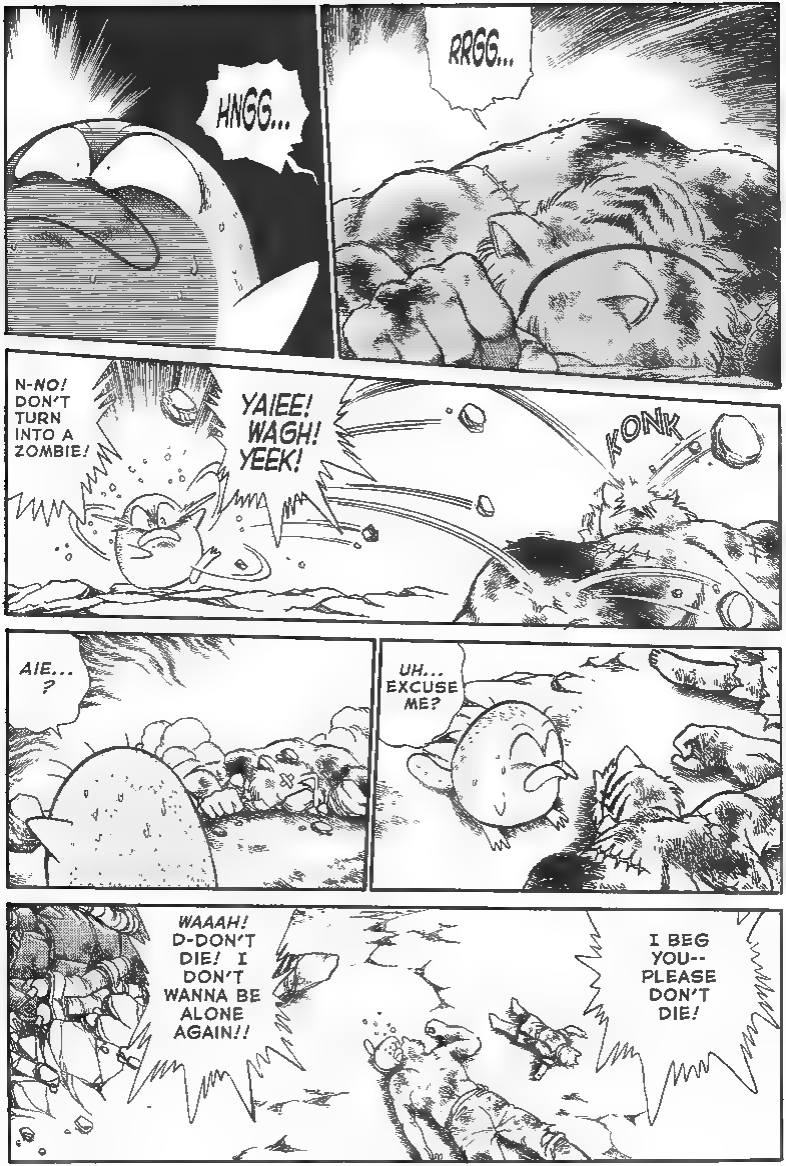

FWHOO
YAIEE!!
YAU!!
AIEE!
YOW!!


HNGG...
RRGG...
N-NO! DON'T TURN INTO A ZOMBIE!
YAIEE! WAGH! YEEK!
KONK
AIE...?
UH... EXCUSE ME?
WAAAH! D-DON'T DIE! I DON'T WANNA BE ALONE AGAIN!!
I BEG YOU-- PLEASE DON'T DIE!

THOK
HEH HEH... EAT YOUR HEART OUT!!
THAT WAS GREAT!
FINALLY, SOME FOOD FOR DINNER.
AHH, QUIT YER BITCHIN'!

ER... PRINCESS KARULA...?
SHOULDN'T WE BE STARTING BACK TO THE PALACE?
WE'VE BEEN GONE A WEEK ALREADY.
NO WAY!
BUT YOU HAVE YOUR OFFICIAL DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY...
PUH-LEEZE, ARL! YOU KNOW I HATE THAT FUDDY-DUDDY CRAP.
YEAH, BUT... SLIPPING OUT FOR SOME FUN WITH A MERE RETAINER LIKE MYSELF... THERE COULD BE TROUBLE...
C'MON, ARL--AIN'T YOU HEARD HOW LOVE CONQUERS ALL?
I BELIEVE THE PRINCESS FAILS TO APPRECIATE HER OWN POSITION!
WHY? IS THERE ONE WE HAVEN'T TRIED YET...?
K-KARULA... I...

BKA
BKA
BKA
EVERY MEN FALL BECK BY PLAPOONS

WE CAN'T HOLD THEM ANY-MORE!
NNG!
BUDDA BUDDA
ARL!?
APUUU!!

ARLLLLL!!
AH...?
WHERE...?
AWAKE AT LAST, ARE YOU, DEARIE?
YOU WERE THRASHING ABOUT SOMETHING TERRIBLE IN YOUR SLEEP.
W-WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE IN HOREI VILLAGE IN NOSJIR, DEARIE. THEY FOUND YOU HALF-DEAD ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN.
"HALF-DEAD"...? ME?
HOW ON EARTH DID I GET HERE?
WAS IT KURGH'S WORK?

SO...WHAT MIGHT YOUR NAME BE, YOUNG WARRIOR?

ME?! A *WARRIOR?* N-NO...I'M JUST... KARULA.

IT'S AMAZING, IT IS...A YOUNG THING LIKE YOU WEARING SUCH A HEAVY SWORD AND ARMOR.

OH, *THAT.* IT'S UH, NOTHING-- *HEH, HEH...*

"YOU SHALL BE THE GREATEST WARRIOR OF THE BLADE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN..."

THAT WASN'T A DREAM! HE GAVE ME POWER...KURGH GAVE ME HIS POWER!

SIT DOWN, DEAR. I'LL HAVE SOME NICE, HOT SOUP ON THE TABLE FOR YOU IN JUST A MINUTE.

OH... THANK YOU, MA'AM. THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

WOOK, MAMA! I PICKED SOME PWETTY FWOWERS FOR TH' NICE WADY!

THANK YOU, SWEETIE!
ARE YOU REALLY A SWORD-FIGHTER? I NEVER MET ONE OF DOSE BEFORE!
BUT MY BRUVVER'S A BIG, BWAVE SOLDIER! ISN'T DAT NEAT?!
REALLY, MA'AM? IS YOUR SON IN THE ARMY?
YES... HE WAS.
BUT HE DIED IN BATTLE.
OH, I'M SO SORRY...
NO, NO. I'M PROUD OF HIM.
I'M SURE MY SON FOUGHT COURAGEOUSLY FOR OUR COUNTRY.
THAT'S RIGHT... NOSJIR WAS PART OF THE REBEL STATES, ALONG WITH LEDOMIAM.
AND THANKS TO HIS SACRIFICE, PEACE HAS COME AT LAST.
EH ?! PEACE ?
THAT AWFUL KING BOHTON OF BOSVANIA IS DEAD, AND HIS SOLDIERS HAVE ALL RETREATED.
IT WAS A GLORIOUS VICTORY FOR OUR VALIANT YOUTH SPECIAL ATTACK FORCE!!

QUICK! HIDE!
B-BUT--
WELL, HELL. THERE'S NO ONE HERE.
ANOTHER STINKING POOR FARMHOUSE. NOTHING HERE WORTH TAKING.
MAY AS WELL GRAB THE WINE AND GRUB, THOUGH.
I TOLD YOU TO GIVE THIS DUMP A PASS, BUT NO...
TORCH THE PLACE AND LET'S GO!
WH-WHO ARE THEY?
DESERTERS! THEY MUST HAVE FALLEN BEHIND IN THE RETREAT.

EVERY BODY OUT MOVE IT
GHOK
?!
SLRS SH

S-SON OF A BITCH
WHO TH-
BKOOM
BKOOM
HRRG!
WRAK
SHANGG

SWIFT
AND THIS FEELING! THIS RUSH...
THIS SWORD'S LIKE A FEATHER! IT'S LIKE A PART OF MY BODY!

I LOVE IT!!

AIEE!

S-STOP! WE SURRENDER!!

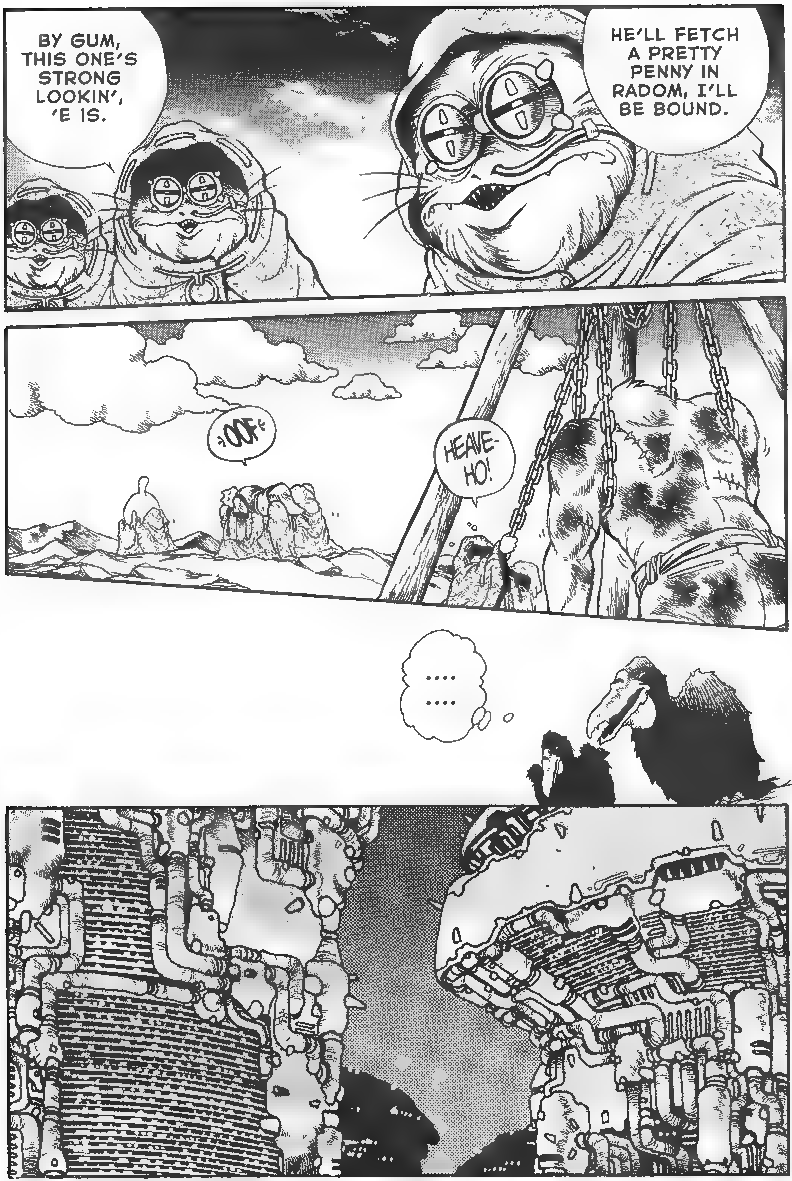
PLEASE, SPARE US!

AAGH!

SLSSHH
M-MISS KARULA...?
→hahh←
→hahh←
!!
WELL, SO MUCH FOR THE FISH-HEADS.
....
....
HM? SOME-THING WRONG?

MOMMY!! I'M SCARED!
MAM!
SCARED ?
OH, SORRY... GUESS I GOT SOME BLOOD ON ME, HUH ?
FORGIVE MY DAUGHTER, PLEASE. SHE DIDN'T MEAN TO BE RUDE.
IT'S JUST, IT'S JUST THAT WHEN YOU WERE FIGHTING...
...YOU SEEMED LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON, MISS KARULA.
AS IF YOU *ENJOYED* THE KILLING...
I'M SO SORRY-- YOU SAVED OUR VILLAGE! PLEASE DON'T GO!
....
IT'S JUST, IT'S JUST...
I'M AFRAID SOMETHING *TERRIBLE* IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU, MISS KARULA!

THANKS... FOR EVERYTHING.
I'M STARVING... I'M SO HUNGRY... FOOD...
FWAP
!!
HO HO... CROAKIN' IN THE DESERT, IS WE?
GOT US SOME LITTLE 'UNS OVER HERE.


BY GUM, THIS ONE'S STRONG LOOKIN', 'E IS.
HE'LL FETCH A PRETTY PENNY IN RADOM, I'LL BE BOUND.
OOF!
HEAVE-HO!
....
....

BLUBBLE
BLUBBLE

BLUBB
BLURBBLE
YOU NEVER CHANGE, DO YOU, FATHER.
MINERVA... IS THAT YOU?
MUST YOU *ALWAYS* WALLOW IN SUCH DECADENCE? NO WONDER YOU COULDN'T FIGHT OFF THAT PATHETIC LEDOMIAM WOMAN.

HAVE YOU NO SHAME ?!
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU BRAINLESS CREATURES!
EEK !
HMPH...IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER, AFTER SO MANY MONTHS AWAY?
SO TELL ME--HOW GOES THE GARIAN FRONT? HOW MANY HAVE YOU KILLED?
THE GARIANS ARE PATHETIC WORMS--I DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO COUNT!

IN ANY CASE, I'VE RETURNED TO YOUR DIS-GUSTING LITTLE DEN BECAUSE I HEAR YOU ALLOW PRINCESS KARULA TO STRUT ABOUT AS IF SHE OWNS THE EMPIRE!
SEND ME TO SUBDUE HER! I DEMAND IT, FATHER!
HO, HO... THAT WON'T BE NECES-SARY, MY CHILD.
I HAVE JUST HEARD THE MOST DELICIOUS SCHEME FROM KURGH.
GENERAL KURGH...?
YOU SEEM IN HIGH SPIRITS, PRINCESS MINERVA.
....
IN FACT, DAUGHTER, I HAVE DECIDED TO INSPECT THE OPIUM MINES AT RADOM--
--AND AS A SPECIAL TREAT AT MY WELCOMING CEREMONY, KURGH WILL BE PRESENTING PRINCESS KARULA'S EXECUTION.
SO I PLEDGE, SIRE.
FATHER! HAVE EVERYONE LEAVE THE ROOM!

WHAT NOW? YOU'RE INTERRUPTING MY FEAST, MINERVA.
I MUST SPEAK TO YOU ALONE!
PLEASE, FATHER!
YES, YES, VERY WELL, THEN. MY FEISTY YOUNG DAUGHTER MUST ALWAYS HAVE HER WAY.
GUARDS! THE PRINCESS HAS SPOKEN--SHOW EVERYONE OUT!
HAVE THEM WAIT IN THE OUTER CHAMBER. WE SHOULD ONLY BE A MINUTE.
YES, MY LORD!
...
...
THERE--ARE YOU SATISFIED, MY DEAR? SPEAK YOUR MIND.
FATHER, YOU ARE TOO CLOSE TO KURGH.

THAT WARLOCK IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED!
EVEN IN GARIA I HEARD RUMORS HE PLOTS A COUP D'ETAT!
HAH HAH HAH! A COUP, YOU SAY? GOOD OLD KURGH?
YOU MUST NOT TAKE THIS TRIP! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
DAUGHTER... I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN FOR MY WELL-BEING.
BUT KURGH IS MY TRUSTED RETAINER, MY STRONG RIGHT HAND FOR LO THESE MANY YEARS.
I WOULD TRUST HIM WITH MY LIFE!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, MINERVA!
HA HA!
HA
FATHER...

KCHAK
LADY MINERVA!
HOW WENT YOUR AUDIENCE?
HOPELESS! HE UNDERSTANDS NOTHING!
THEN WE MUST PLAY OUR NEXT HAND.
KRAISIS...STAY AT THE COURT AND WATCH KURGH AND HIS LACKEYS CLOSELY! I NEED EVIDENCE--ROCK-SOLID EVIDENCE.
MEANWHILE, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I HAVE TO DO.
I HAVE TO TEAR THAT IMPUDENT PRINCESS KARULA APART, LIMB FROM LIMB!

HEH HEH HEH... SO, THE IMPETUOUS LADY MINERVA SETS OUT TO TAME THE WILD KARULA
ALL AS I HAVE PLANNED
THE BLOOD OF GUSTAV'S DAUGHTER SHALL CHARGE THAT SWORD WITH UNSPEAKABLE POWER.
HEAR ME! SEND MORE ROMUNILIAN SWORDSMEN AGAINST PRINCESS KARULA! LET THE BLOOD FLOW FREE!
AND SPREAD ROMOR THAT GUSTAV TRAVELS TO RADOM! MAKE CERTAIN IT REACHES THAT SHE-DEVIL'S EARS!
IN BUT A WEEK I SHALL HAVE WED THE GREATEST SWORDFIGHTER OF ALL TIME!!

IF YOU DON'T EAT SOMETHING YOU'LL FALL ILL, MY LADY!
....
I GIVE YOU MY WORD IT HAS NOT BEEN DRUGGED!
LOOK--YOU DON'T EAT, ITS ME WHO GETS PUNISHED BY GENERAL KURGH!
JUST THINK OF IT, MY LADY! A GRAND ALLIANCE BETWEEN LEDOMIAN AND ROMUNILIA!
KURGH, OF COURSE.

WHAT GRIFFELL NEEDS TODAY IS PEACE AND STABILITY, WITH A FIRM HAND ON THE HELM!
LEDOMIAM AND ROMUNILIA *MUST* COME TOGETHER. WE MUST BE THE NUCLEUS OF A *NEW ORDER!*
THE EMPEROR AND HIS RETAINERS DO NOTHING BUT WALLOW IN PLEASURE. THEY REEK OF WEAKNESS AND CORRUPTION!
I CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE LEAVE THE EMPIRE IN THEIR HANDS. THE PEOPLE *NEED* NEW LEADERSHIP.
HAPPILY, YOUR ESTEEMED SISTER PRINCESS AND I SEE EYE TO EYE.
WE ARE PLANNING A BLOODLESS *COUP* TO PUT YOU ON THE IMPERIAL THRONE.
KARULA ?!
THAT CANNOT BE. KARULA WOULD *NEVER* JOIN FORCES WITH A TREACHEROUS SNAKE LIKE KURGH, NOT EVEN TO DESTROY GUSTAV.
IT'S BECAUSE HE HAS ME HOSTAGE. SHE THINKS SHE HAS NO CHOICE.
GODDAMN SPOILED BRAT
Shimphe

KURGH, YOU SCHEMER. YOU'VE UNDER-ESTIMATED ME.
THERE IS *NOTHING* I WILL NOT DO TO BRING PEACE TO THE LAND!
I HAVE BEEN *STRICTLY* ORDERED BY THE GENERAL TO GIVE YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT.
SO JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU DESIRE! GO AHEAD! ASK FOR ANYTHING... *PLEASE!*
"ANYTHING"...? DID YOU SAY... *ANYTHING?*
UH...?
?!
WHOA! WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU—
WO! STOP IT!

I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO EMBARRASSED IN MY ENTIRE LIFE!
THE "VIRGIN PRINCESS,"

THE CITY OF MAKKASH-- DEEP IN IMPERIAL TERRITORY
BWA HA HA
HAW HAW
HEY, BLOB! FINISH THEM DAMN 'TATERS!
GOT ME PLENTY MORE FOR YER TO DO!
Y-YES SIR! RIGHT AWAY, SIR!
YER THE SORRIEST SLACKER I EVER DONE SEEN!
FIGURED THEY WERE SELLING YER TOO DAMN CHEAP!
S-SORRY, SIR...
HOW ON EARTH DID I WIND UP HERE...?
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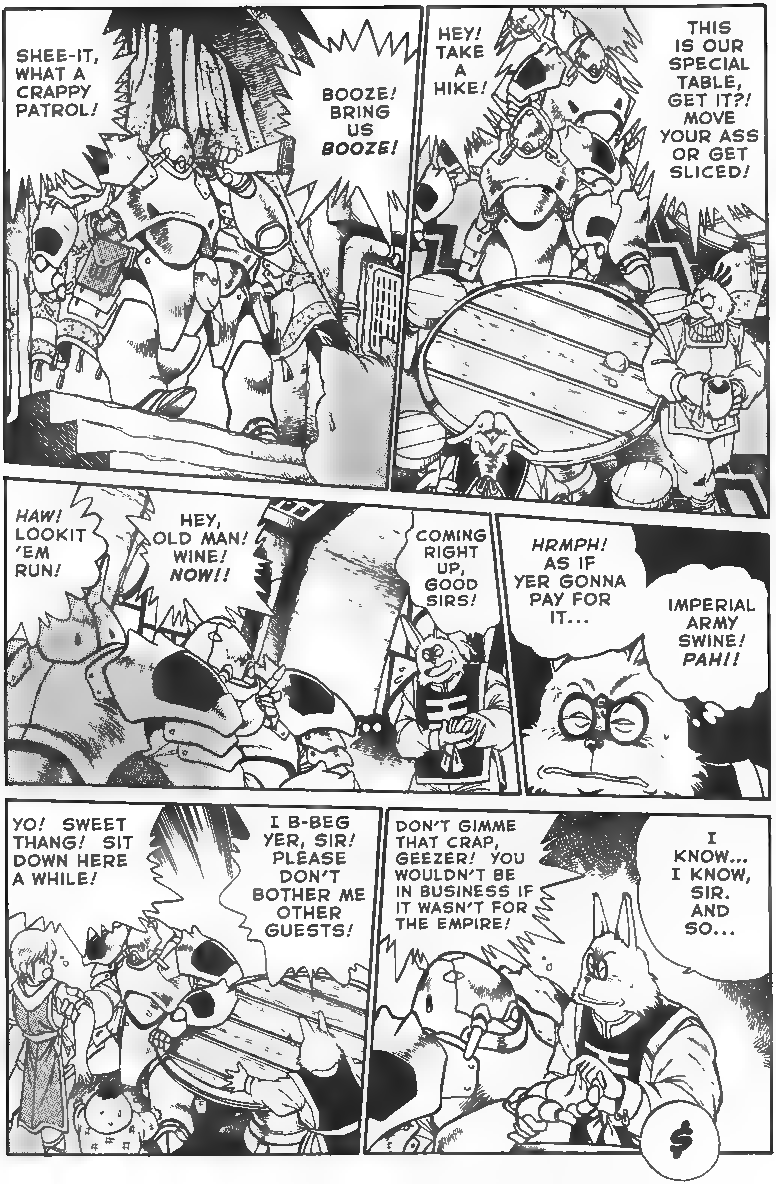
AM I GOING TO BE A SLAVE HERE THE REST OF MY LIFE...?
MOTHER...
MAMI...


SHEE-IT, WHAT A CRAPPY PATROL!
BOOZE! BRING US BOOZE!
HEY! TAKE A HIKE!
THIS IS OUR SPECIAL TABLE, GET IT?! MOVE YOUR ASS OR GET SLICED!
HAW! LOOKIT 'EM RUN!
HEY, OLD MAN! WINE! NOW!!
COMING RIGHT UP, GOOD SIRS!
HRMPH! AS IF YER GONNA PAY FOR IT...
IMPERIAL ARMY SWINE! PAH!!
YO! SWEET THANG! SIT DOWN HERE A WHILE!
I B-BEG YER, SIR! PLEASE DON'T BOTHER ME OTHER GUESTS!
DON'T GIMME THAT CRAP, GEEZER! YOU WOULDN'T BE IN BUSINESS IF IT WASN'T FOR THE EMPIRE!
I KNOW... I KNOW, SIR. AND SO...
$

ALL RIGHT, WE'LL LET YA OFF THIS TIME! BUT BRING ON THE BOOZE AND KEEP IT COMING!
HawHaw
NNG ! !!
SO WHADDYA THINK, BOYS? THEY SAY OUR GUYS ARE GETTING CUT DOWN LIKE WEEDS OUT THERE.
THAT PRINCESS KARULA OF LEDOMIAM, HEY?
I HEAR WE'VE LOST A HUNDRED MEN AT LEAST.
THE BIGWIGS ARE CRAPPIN' THEIR PANTS OVER IT, THEY SAY
YEAH, I'LL BET. THE EMPEROR HIMSELF'S COMING TO VISIT RADOM.
HELL, SHE MAY BE PRINCESS SLICE'N' DICE, BUT SHE RUNS INTO US, WE'LL TEACH HER TO BE A WOMAN!
BWA HAW HAW!
I WONDER... WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM? THAT BOSVANIAN WARSHIP WAS A SEA OF FLAMES..

WAIT A SEC!! WHY THE HELL AM I WORRYING ABOUT THAT BIG JERK?! HE WAS A ONE-NIGHT STAND--*PERIOD!*
YEAH! TO HELL WITH THAT WOMANIZING THUG!!
IN THAT CASE, GETCHER BUTT OVER HERE WITH SOME *REAL* MEN, BABE!

GO HIT ON SOMEONE ELSE,YOU DUMB YOKEL!
"Y...
"YOKEL"...?!
SKRASSH
LISTEN, SWEETHEART-- IF YER GONNA SAY NO, SAY IT NICE, Y'HEAR?
WHAT THE HELL'S THIS "YOKEL" STUFF?! NO ONE TREATS US LIKE CRAP AND GETS AWAY WITH IT! WE'RE IMPER--
?!
SKRRK
HNNG!
FWAP

KRAK
WHAMM
AAGH !!
YOU STINKIN' BITCH !

I AM KARULA, PRINCESS OF LEDOMIAM!
COME AND GET IT!
HOLY--
BKAM
KILL HER!!
RRAM

SLRSSH
YEEK!
FWUD

NNG...
AAH...
GNF!
FWHUD
NNGAAH!
SLURRGH

YOU WASH AND WASH, BUT THE BLOOD JUST WON'T COME OFF, NO?
Y-YOU AGAIN ?!
I SAW YOU BEFORE... IN ZAARU!
INDEED YOU DID! I GO AWAY FOR A WHILE AND SEE, JUST SEE! MY, HOW HER EYES HAVE CHANGED...
YOU'VE BECOME A SWORDFIGHTER REEKING OF BLOOD, DEARIE... JUST AS KURGH DESIRED.

SILENCE !!
WHY YOU LITTLE-- !!
FFFT
WHSSST
UH... ?!
UNGH!
FWDD

.....
CALMER NOW, PET ?
HEAVENS, WHAT A LOT OF MEN YOU KILLED TODAY.
OF COURSE, THEY'RE JUST IMPERIAL SOLDIERS. NO NEVER MIND, MM?
WHY SHOULD I CARE? THEY'RE THE ENEMY!
SURELY YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING, PRINCESS.
THAT EVERY TIME YOU KILL ANOTHER PERSON, YOU BECOME ANOTHER PERSON, SOUL BY SOUL...
.....
.....
...AND THAT THIS IS ALL KURGH'S WILL.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN KILL GUSTAV.
THERE'S ONLY ONE OF ME. AND I'LL DO IT...
...EVEN IF I HAVE TO SELL MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL HIMSELF!!

AND THEN WHAT, FOOLISH CHILD? DOESN'T KURGH SIMPLY STEP IN AND TAKE THE EMPEROR'S PLACE?
I WON'T LET HIM.
KARULA IS KARULA. NO ONE TAKES OVER MY PERSONALITY!
I'M USING KURGH, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
AND IF I'M WRONG, THEN I'LL CLEAN UP MY OWN MESS MYSELF, UNDERSTAND?
AND I'LL TAKE GUSTAV AND KURGH WITH ME.
I SEE...
SO NOW... YOU TELL ME--WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
A WISE MAN? A MAGICIAN? A PROPHET?!
YOU SEEM TO THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING! THE PAST, THE FUTURE--
LOOK OUT!
HUH ?!
AAAAH!
HE GOT AWAY !!

DAMN IT ALL! WHERE'D THE LITTLE FART GO, ANYWAY ?!
EEK !
KRASH
FWMP
OOG...
OW OW OWWIE !
YOU STUPID IDIOT! DID THEY PUT YOUR EYES IN BACK-WARDS ?!
YEEP! I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY! DON'T CHOP ME UP!
HEY...WEREN'T YOU AT THAT BAR BACK THERE? A SERVANT OR SOMETHING?
YES, MA'AM. MY NAME'S MASAHIKO.
ACTUALLY, WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE PRINCESS KARULA, I KNEW I HAD TO TALK TO YOU. I HAD TO TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS--
MY FRIENDS?! YOU MEAN CHEN AND DARD ?!
ER, YES'M. THAT WAS TWO OF THEM...

SO TELL ME ALREADY! WHERE ARE THEY?! ARE THEY ALL OKAY?!
I-I-I DON'T K-K-KNOW ABOUT A-A-ALL OF THEM. I ONLY K-K-KNOW ABOUT THOSE T-T-TWO...
SO TALK! TALK !!
THEY WERE SOLD IN RADOM, MA'AM. AS SLAVE LABOR FOR THE MINES.
WE WERE ALL TAKEN PRISONER BY SLAVERS, MA'AM.
RADOM...
...ISN'T THAT WHERE GUSTAV IS GOING?!
W-WAIT! TAKE ME WITH YOU! PLEEEASE ?!
NO! NOW STOP FOLLOWING ME!
BUT, BUT YOU'RE SO BIG AND STRONG, PRINCESS KARULA. IF I WAS WITH YOU, NO ONE WOULD EVER PICK ON ME AGAIN! DARD SAID--
....
?
UMM...SO, UH, THAT BIG OAF DARD...DID HE, UH, SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ME...?
OH YES, MA'AM! HE WAS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HOW YOU HAD THE BEST ASS HE'D EVER SEEN! HOW IT WAS NICE AND FIRM AND...
....

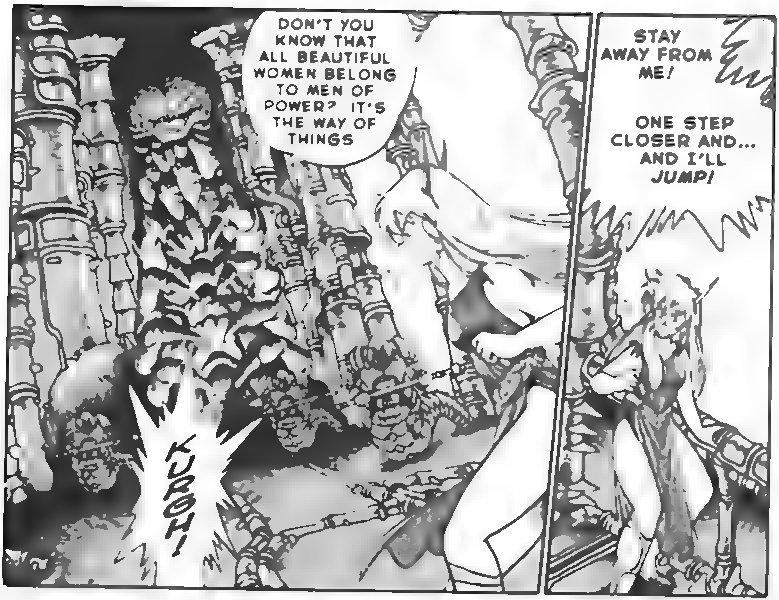
HMPH! SHE DOESN'T DO THINGS BY HALVES, DOES SHE?
SHE CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR!
SEAL THE AREA! MOVE, YOU DOGS!
SOON WE SHALL MEET AT LAST, PRINCESS KARULA!

DAMN IT! WHERE'D SHE GO?
WEEOOOUU
WEEOOOUU
WEEOOUU
CLOSE OFF EACH BLOCK SINCE YOU'VE SEARCHED IT!
NO MATTER WHERE SHE'S HIDING SHE'S STILL JUST A RAT IN A TRAP!
WEEOOUU
AH! DAY LIGHT
!!
FFWHOOOSSH

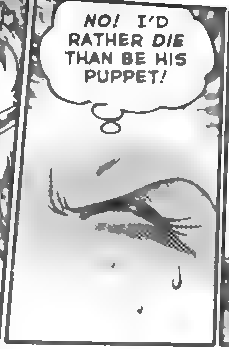
VRNN VRNN VRN

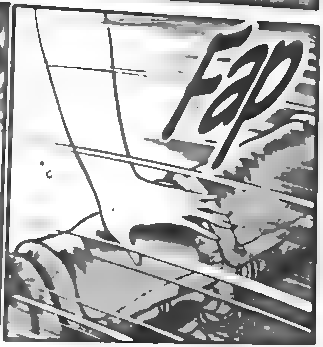
THAT'S A DRAGON! A FLYING DRAGON!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ESCAPE!

SUCH A WILLFUL IMPUDENT DISPLAY PRINCESS RUSALIA


DON'T YOU KNOW THAT ALL BEAUTIFUL WOMEN BELONG TO MEN OF POWER? IT'S THE WAY OF THINGS
KURGH!
STAY AWAY FROM ME!
ONE STEP CLOSER AND... AND I'LL JUMP!

CONFOUND YOU TWO SISTERS! TROUBLEMAKERS THROUGH AND THROUGH!


NO! I'D RATHER DIE THAN BE HIS PUPPET!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AAAHH!
MADNESS THE
SHE'S
HAGGA SHE'D RATHER DIE ON THE ROCKS THAN COME UNDER MY CONTROL
DAMN IT ALL!
AAAH!

MM...
?
I'M ALIVE...
?
NOT EVEN A SCRATCH
!
BUT I JUMPED, FROM UP THERE... HOW...
ROSALIA
!!

WHO IS IT?
WHERE ARE YOU?
ROSALIA MY DAUGHTER
F-FATHER...?!
FATHER!! WHERE ARE YOU?
THE DUNGEONS OF KURGH'S FORTRESS.
IT SEEMS HE HAS NO NEED OF ME...AN OLD AND DYING MAN...
FATHER? WAS IT YOU WHO SAVED ME?
DAUGHTER DEAREST, YOUR FATHER STUDIED THE MAGICAL ARTS IN HIS TIME REMEMBER?
BUT NOW HE HAS CAST HIS FINAL SPELL

...MY TIME IS SHORT, MY CHILD...SO LISTEN WELL. HEAR ME, ROSALIA...

BUT FATHER--YOU ARE IN SUCH PAIN!

YOU MUSTN'T TIRE YOURSELF!

NO, I *MUST* SPEAK. MY DAUGHTER CONSIDER THESE MY PARTING WORDS

KARULA IS IN DANGER.

KARULA?! HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER?!

THE CHILD HAS FALLEN UNDER KURGH'S INFLUENCE...

MY VOICE CAN NO LONGER REACH HER

SHE HAS BEEN GIVEN A SWORD OF DARK POWER. SHE HAS LEARNED TO FIND PLEASURE IN SLAUGHTER HER REASON IS SLIPPING AWAY...

...KURGH HAS MADE HER HIS TOOL... HIS WEAPON TO ASSASSINATE THE EMPEROR

KARULA? I CAN'T BELIEVE
ROSALIA! YOU MUST SAVE KARULA!
IN TIME HER OWN SWORD SHALL TURN UPON HER...
KOFF
SAVE HER! JOIN YOUR POWERS...
AND BRING PEACE TO GRIFFELL. BRING PEACE BACK TO OUR PEOPLE, TO ALL THE PEOPLE...
MAY THE GODS WATCH OVER YOU BOTH MY DARLINGS MY CHILDREN... ...

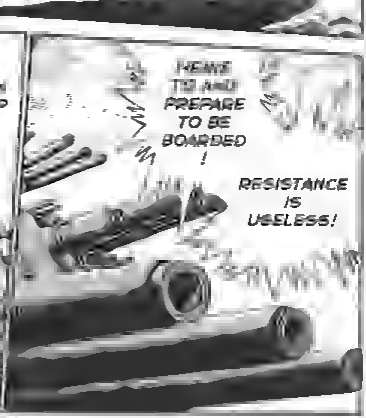
FATHER. ?
RMMBBRMMBB
RMMBB
RMMBB

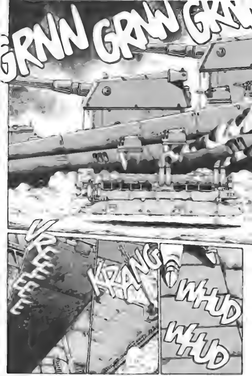
SHREEE
KANG
KANG
KANG
HANDS OFF, PAL!
OW !!
WHKROOM

GRN N

RN N

IT'S A BATTLE SHIP!
A DREADNOUGHT BATTLESHIP!


HEAVE TO AND PREPARE TO BE BOARDED!
RESISTANCE IS USELESS!


GRNN GRNN GRR
VREEEEEE
KRANG
WHUD
WHUD

WHUD WHUD WHUD
I KNOW SHE'S ON BOARD THIS RUST-BUCKET!
SEARCH IT DOWN TO THE BILGES!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR THE TRAITOR, PRINCESS KARULA!
WE KNOW SHE'S ON BOARD!
CHECK ALL THE WOMEN!
HOW ABOUT YOU?!
THIS AIN'T HER, EITHER!
SEARCH THE OTHER SIDE!
OUTTA TH' WAY!
WHAK
EEK!
MOM!
HEY!! YOU LEAVE MY MOM ALONE, YOU BIG STUPID BULLY!
HUH?!
WHUD YOO CALL ME, YA RUNT?! I OUGHTTA--
Fwhipp

DON'T YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN HASSLE SOME LITTLE KID...?
!!
IT'S HER! PRINCESS KARULA!
SURROUND HER!

PRINCESS KARULA OF LEDOMIAM! FOR CRIMES OF VIOLENCE AND TREASON AGAINST MY FATHER, THE EMPEROR GUSTAV, I SENTENCE YOU TO DEATH!
YOU ARE, OF COURSE, WELCOME TO SURRENDER QUIETLY... ALTHOUGH I HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT!
YOUR FATHER...?!
AAHH... NOW I GET IT. YOU'RE THE BIG TENTACLE MAN'S DAUGHTER. YEAH--I'VE HEARD OF YOU.
THEY SAY THAT WHEN YOU DIE YOU TURN INTO CALAMAR!!
WHA-?! HOW DARE YOU!
I, PRINCESS MINERVA, HAVE COME MYSELF TO EXECUTE YOU!
YOU SHOULD BE HONORED!
YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW MUCH...
PRINCESS MINERVA!

KRANNGG
CHASSE
VWWIP

SPRAK
GRNK ?!
SERGEANT !
KANG

HAH! A WORTHY OPPONENT AT LAST! I LIKE YOU, KARULA!
SO I'LL SEE THAT YOU HAVE FUN BEFORE DYING!
I WOULDN'T COUNT ON IT, SQUID GIRL!
WHY, YOU--!

WHRANGG
FWHAM
KRRK
KRRK
KRRK

DAMN YOU!
NOW DIE!
WHDD
KRAK
SK·RASSH
?!
TWHTT

FWD
NNG
SPAK
SPAK
SPAK
PRINCESS MINERVA!
BKAM BKAM

I WON'T FORGET THIS, KARULA!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS A THOUSAND TIMES!
HEY! YOU FORGOT YOUR LUNCH!
FWAK
AH!
THOP
GRNN GRNN
CHANK CHANK
HEY! THEY'RE PULLING AWAY!
YAHOO!
TH-THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I, UH... GEE... FORGET IT!

GOSH...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN, KARULA?
MASAHIKO...?
ARE YOU SERIOUS? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
HUH? ME? WELL, UM...
...TAKING A BIG OL' DUMP!
LOOK...I KNOW YOU JUST WANT A NICE, PEACEFUL LIFE, BUT COULDN'T YOU TRY GIVING ME A HAND SOMETIME?
AFTER ALL, I DID SAVE YOU FROM A LIFE OF SLAVERY.
Y-YES, MA'AM...
WHRAAMM

BKROOOOM
SHRAKK

TARGET DESTROYED!
HUH!
LET THAT BE A LESSON TO HER!
BUT THAT DARK POWER OF HERS... WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
IT FELT DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL FEEBLE SPELLS OF THE PROVINCIALS...
BUT STILL, IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO KILL FATHER...OR MYSELF.
FSH

SKRAK
NNG...!
DAMN! THOSE BASTARDS...
!!
DAMN YOU, MINERVA !!

OW!
OH, RATS... NOW I'M BLEEDING!
AAAGH! THIS STUPID FOREST!
I'VE BEEN WALKING FOREVER AND THERE'S STILL NO END TO IT!
I'VE GOT TO FIND KARULA, AND FAST. I...I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.
BUT I GUESS I'LL BE ROUGHING IT OUT HERE, TONIGHT.
DON'T WORRY-- YA AIN'T ALL ALONE, BABE.

YEAH... SEEN IT ALL THE TIME, YA KNOW? POOR FOLKS GET LOST IN THE WOODS, NEVER COME BACK.

IT'S A SHAME, IT IS.

WH-- WHO ARE YOU ?!

JUST A COUPLE'A MERRY WOODSMEN, DARLIN'.

ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED... IF THEY'VE GOT A COIN OR TWO, THAT IS.

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE LITTLE LADY DON'T GOT A CENT TO HER NAME. AIN'T THAT RIGHT?

GUESS WE GOTTA TAKE IT OUT IN TRADE.

G- GET AWAY FROM ME!

QUIT FIGHTIN', YA DUMB BROAD!

OOOF

DON'T WORRY... WHEN WE'RE ALL DONE, WE'LL SELL YA TO A NICE-

KLOK

HEY!! WHA--?!
BKAM
AM.?
PSSH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PRINCESS?

YOU...? MY PRISON GUARD !?

YOU CAN CALL ME *RUA*, MISTRESS.

I...I SURE GOT INTO A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR LETTING YOU ESCAPE, MISTRESS.

AND SO... YOU CAME TO TAKE ME BACK, YES? *HMPH!*

SNFF

PLEASE, MISTRESS! PLEASE LET ME STAY WITH YOU!

HUH ?!

I'VE RUN AWAY, TOO! THEY WERE GOING TO ***SHOOT ME*** FOR LETTING YOU ESCAPE!

OH, MY GOD! I...I'M SO SORRY.

I NEVER MEANT TO CAUSE YOU TROUBLE, RUA.

YOU DIDN'T, MISTRESS... IN FACT...

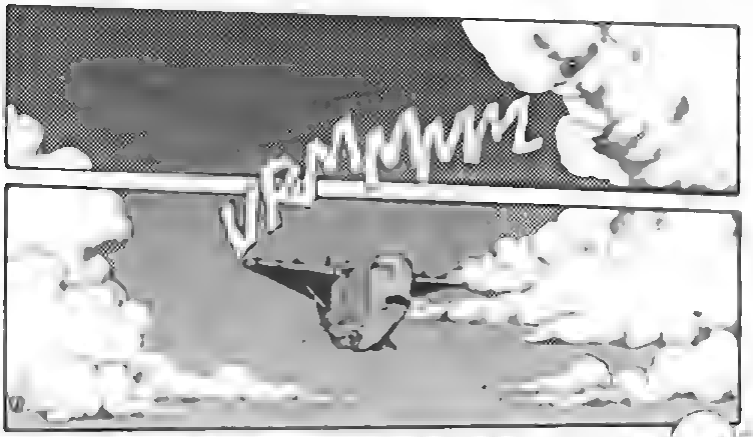
...YOU TAUGHT ME THE WAYS OF ***LOVE***.

WAIT! WHOA! *STOP!* WHAT'S THIS ABOUT "LOVE"...?!

I'LL STAY WITH YOU *ALWAYS*.

OH, GREAT. YOU REALLY SCREWED UP THIS TIME, PRINCESS ROSALIA!

HOW WILL I EXPLAIN THIS TO KARLA...?



YO, SWEETHEART! SEE THEM MOUNTAINS UP AHEAD? WE CROSS THEM, AND YOU'RE IN RADOM.

AH, DEAD?

WELL, AIRPLANES ARE FAST... I'LL GIVE THEM THAT.

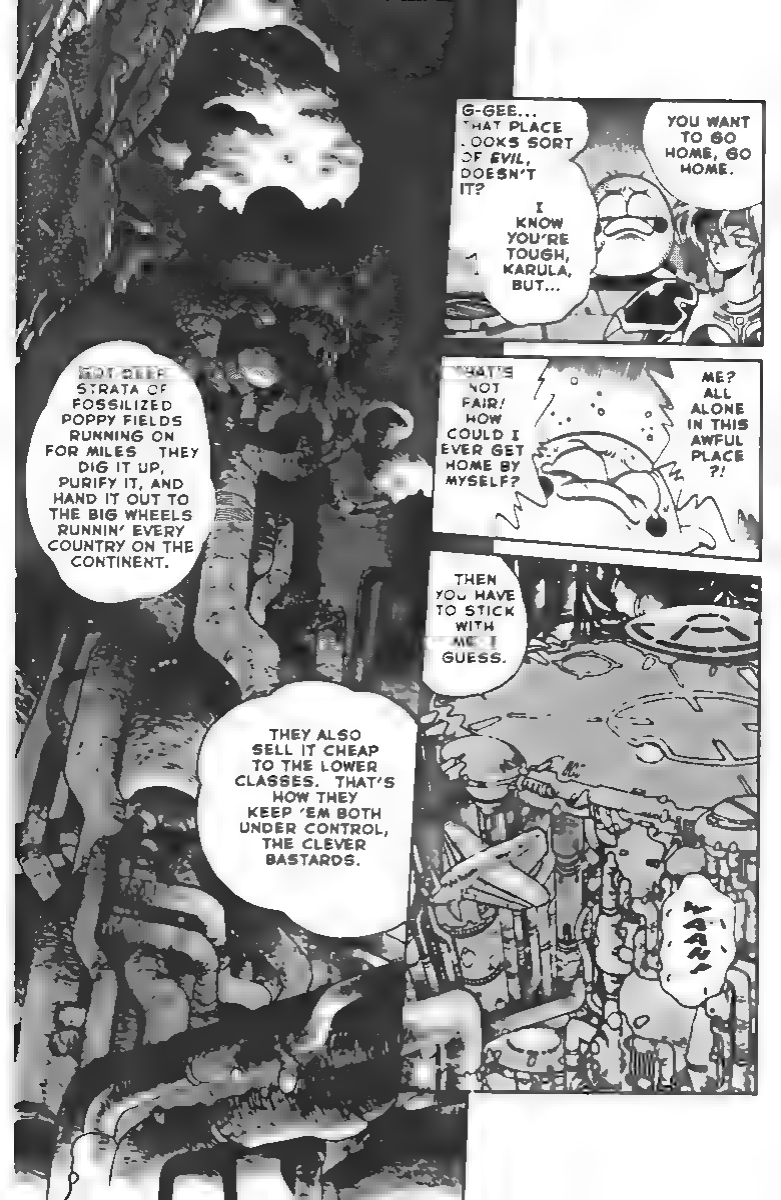
NOT ANY OLD PLANE-- MY SUTSUKA HERE'S A THOROUGHBRED

BUT I STILL FEEL BAD ABOUT YOU LETTING ME FLY FOR FREE.
NOW DON'T YOU GO OFF ON THAT AGAIN, DARLIN'. LIKE I SAID, IT'S ON THE WAY.
BESIDES, WHAT RED-BLOODED FLYBOY COULD TURN DOWN A HOT SWORD-BABE LIKE YOU!
NOT TO MENTION THAT I'D HAVE BEEN INCENDIARY IF I SAID NO...
WOW! HEY, KARULA! LOOK AT ALL THE SHIPS!
WHERE...?
NO KIDDING, MASAHIKO. LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT CONVOY! I WONDER WHAT--
GRWW GRWW GRWW
THAT'D BE THE SLAVER FLEET, DARLIN'. THEY'RE TAKING WORKERS TO THE MINES OF RADOM.

SLAVERS...?
RADOM ALWAYS NEEDS MORE WORKERS. THEY SEND 'EM SLAVES FROM THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES--MEN AND WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD...THEY DON'T CARE.
JUST EXPENDABLES, FAR AS THEY'RE CONCERNED.
...
...
SO TELL ME, SWEET THING... WHAT BUSINESS DOES A FINE YOUNG WOMAN LIKE YOU GOT IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?
I...I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE.
SO THAT'S THE STORY, IS IT? I'M REAL SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
LOVER OR JUST FRIEND, I DON'T KNOW. BUT YOU BETTER BE READY FOR THE WORST.
THEY'RE SHOT FULL OF DRUGS, DRAGGED DOWN INTO THE PITS, HARD LABOR UNTIL THEY DROP.
THE TOUGHEST BASTARDS I KNOW WOULDN'T LAST A MONTH IN RADOM.
DANG. I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT... ME AND MY BIG MOUTH.
NO, NO... THAT'S OKAY. I'M NOT WORRIED!
CHEN... DARD...

THE OPIUM REFINING CITY OF RADOM

DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM


G-GEE... THAT PLACE LOOKS SORT OF EVIL, DOESN'T IT?
YOU WANT TO GO HOME, GO HOME.
I KNOW YOU'RE TOUGH, KARULA, BUT...
THAT'S NOT FAIR! HOW COULD I EVER GET HOME BY MYSELF?
ME? ALL ALONE IN THIS AWFUL PLACE ?!
THEN YOU HAVE TO STICK WITH ME, I GUESS.
AAAA!
DEEP STRATA OF FOSSILIZED POPPY FIELDS RUNNING ON FOR MILES. THEY DIG IT UP, PURIFY IT, AND HAND IT OUT TO THE BIG WHEELS RUNNIN' EVERY COUNTRY ON THE CONTINENT.
THEY ALSO SELL IT CHEAP TO THE LOWER CLASSES. THAT'S HOW THEY KEEP 'EM BOTH UNDER CONTROL, THE CLEVER BASTARDS.

CARGO'S IN HERE, GENTS. I'LL GO HANDLE THE PAPER-WORK
YOU THERE! SLACKERS! UNLOAD THIS CARGO!
SHRIKK
YECCH! WHAT IS THIS CRAP ?!!
koff *koff*

HIS EXALTED HIGHNESS THE EMPEROR WILL BE ARRIVING HERE SHORTLY
YES, SIR. AND WHAT AN UNEXPECTED PLEASURE TO HAVE PRINCESS MINERVA HERE AS WELL! NO PLANT MANAGER COULD ASK FOR A GREATER HONOR.
IT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE AN HONOR. THE PRINCESS IS HERE BECAUSE SHE FEARS FOR HER FATHER'S SAFETY.
THERE IS EVIL IN THE AIR, I FEAR...
SURELY YOU JEST, YOUR GRACE. WHAT COULD--
IT SEEMS, MY FRIEND, THAT THE ENEMIES OF THE EMPIRE HAVE SENT AN *ASSASSIN*
GOOD LORD!
B-BUT, SIR! RADOM IS PROTECTED BY AN ENTIRE DIVISION OF IMPERIAL TROOPS. I *ASSURE* YOU, NO HARM WILL COME TO HIS HIGHNESS HERE!
HMM... PERHAPS.
YET SOME WOULD TAKE *ANY* RISK TO SEIZE THE POWER OF EMPIRE FOR THEMSELVES...

KANGG
KANGG
KANG KANG
HAH! DID IT!
HEY, YOU! HALT!
SPANG
BRIGADE
SECTOR TWO!
ALL UNITS RESPOND!
BRAM
BRAM
BRTTT

W-W-WAIT FOR ME, KARULA!
ARE YOU S SURE WE SHOULD BE GOING TH THIS WAY?
S SO WHAT RE WE G NNA
HMM, LET'S SEE FIRST I GUSSS WE GOTTA RESCUE DARD AND CHEN
HEY! RE WE BERATE THE SLAVES ESTROY THE FACTORIES AND GO THE EMPEROR
I DIDN'T MISS ANYTHING DID I?
HA HA... NO MA'AM, I THINK THAT'S ABOUT EVERYTHING... YES...
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? YOU GOT A BETTER IDEA?
OH NO YOUSS IS WONDER FULLY COMPLETE MA AM
ATTEEEEEN

BLACK
OMPH!
UH... ARE YOU OKAY ?
HUH... ?
CHEN?!
OOG...
COME ON... STOP CRYING. YOU'RE A BIG BOY NOW.
sniff
sniff

I...I ALWAYS BELIEVED IN YOU. I KNEW YOU'D COME AND SAVE ME, MA'AM.
THERE, THERE. YOU DID GOOD.
UM, CHEN... WHAT HAPPENED TO DARD?
OH, YEAH! DARD'S IN TROUBLE!
HE GOT IN A FIGHT WITH THE GUARDS A WEEK AGO...
...AND THEY SENT HIM DOWN TO THE DEEPEST SHAFTS!
ONCE YOU'RE DOWN THERE, THEY DON'T FEED YOU, THEY DON'T EVEN LET YOU SLEEP.
THEY SAY THE STRONGEST MEN DON'T LAST THREE DAYS IN THE PITS.
I KNOW HE'S TOUGH, BUT EVEN HIM...
DARD ...!

YEEOW!
VOOP

FWHOOSH
KRANGG
OW! THAT HURT!
WHY ME...?
KANGG
KANGG
KANGG

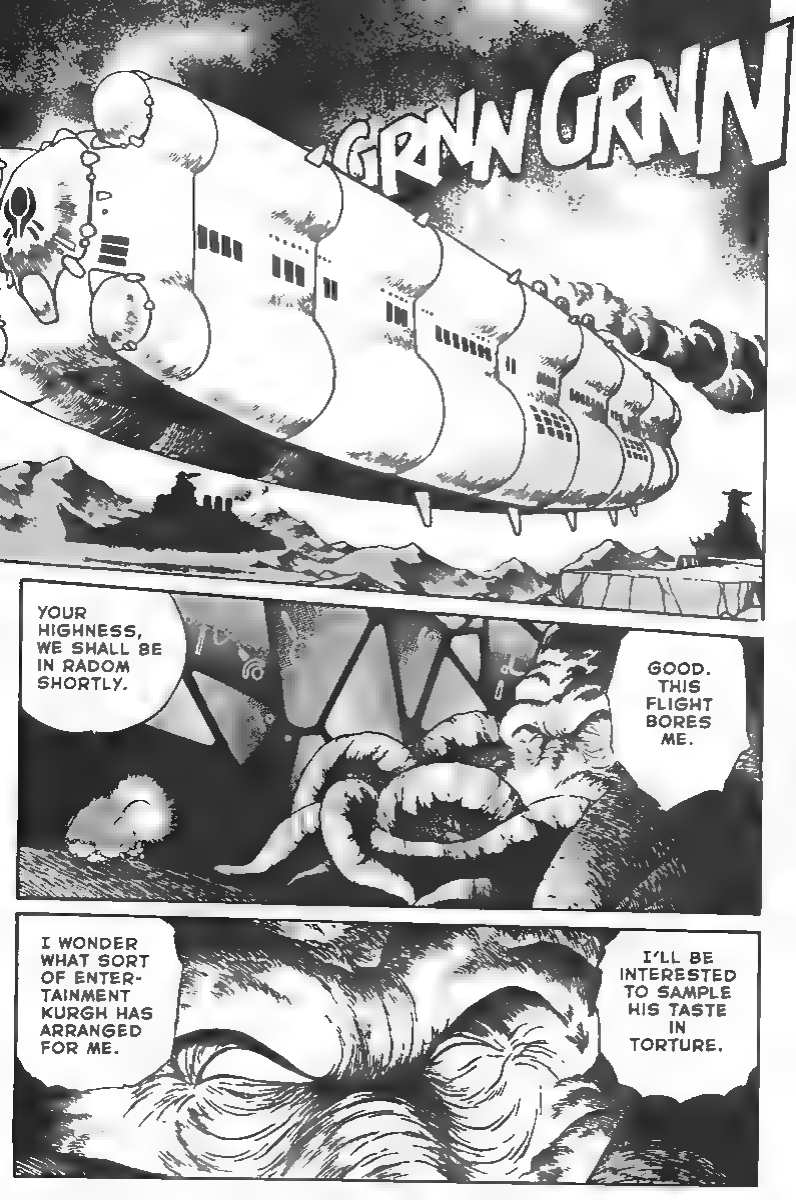
BRRRKKKK
DARD!
SKRAK
KRAK
HEY! GET UP!
NO REST FOR YOU, PAL!
HHRG

I SAID STAND UP! CAN'T YA HEAR?!
THUD
MNF !
ARKH!
KRAK
DARD !
KARULA...?!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! YOU LOOK LIKE HELL!
....
DAMN!! IS THAT REALLY YOU, KARULA?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, DUMBASS? DO I LOOK LIKE SOMEONE ELSE?

GOD DAMN!!
KARULA !!
WHMPH
GMRF !!
HEY! LEGGO! DARD!
LET GO OF ME! NOW!!
C'MON! PUT ME DOWN, YOU BIG LUG!
I...I CAN'T BREATHE...
YOU...
YOU...
YOU KINDA STINK...

FWHOOP
I MISSED YOU, BABE!!
WHOA!
YOU HORNY GOOF! IS THAT *ALL* YOU EVER THINK ABOUT?!
THAT ISN'T THE *ONLY* REASON I CAME ALL THIS WAY TO RESCUE YOU!
EVEN DOWN IN THIS DAMN PIT, I NEVER STOPPED THINKIN' ABOUT YOUR SWEET LITTLE BOD!
I *SWORE* I WOULDN'T CROAK UNTIL I HAD ONE MORE NIGHT WITH YOU, SWEET CHUNKS!
GOD *DAMN* IT'S GOOD TO SEE YA!
OH, DARD...

SO THAT'S IT...OLD GUSTAV'S COMIN HERE, EH?
I THOUGHT THEY ALL HAD A STICK UP THEIR ASS LATELY.
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY...?
I HEARD THIS PLACE WAS KINDA TOUGH ON A GUY...
FORGET IT. YOU GOT ANY IDEA HOW YOU'RE GONNA DO THE BIG CALAMARI?
YOU ALREADY TRIED SLICIN' AND DICIN' HIM WITH THAT SWORD OF YOURS...
YEAH... BUT THIS TIME IT'LL WORK.
DON'T KNOW WHY... BUT I JUST HAVE THIS FEELING....


GRNN GRNN
YOUR HIGHNESS, WE SHALL BE IN RADOM SHORTLY.
GOOD. THIS FLIGHT BORES ME.
I WONDER WHAT SORT OF ENTER-TAINMENT KURGH HAS ARRANGED FOR ME.
I'LL BE INTERESTED TO SAMPLE HIS TASTE IN TORTURE.

LISTEN WELL!! IN A FEW MINUTES HIS HIGHNESS THE EMPEROR LANDS IN RADOM!
I WANT NO TROUBLE OF ANY KIND DURING HIS VISIT!
KEEP THE SLAVES UNDER STRICTEST SUPERVISION! IF ANYONE RESISTS, KILL THEM!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND ?!
PRINCESS... DO YOU REALLY THINK KURGH WILL TRY SOME-THING?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT WE HAVE TO ASSUME HE WILL.
IF ALL GOES WELL, THIS COULD BE A PERFECT CHANCE TO STAMP OUT THE OPPOSITION!

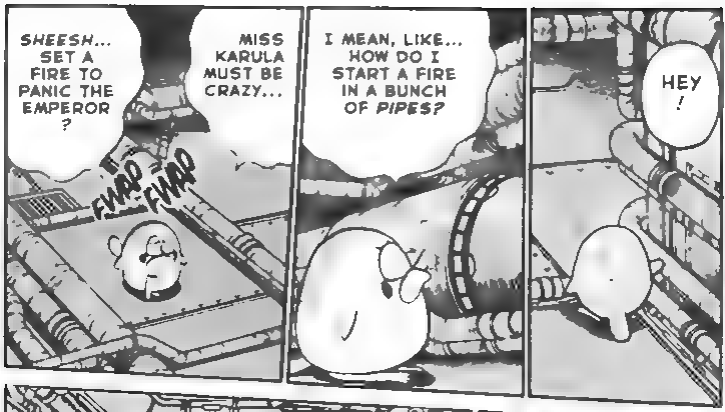
AN URGENT MESSAGE, YOUR HIGHNESS!
YOUR EXALTED FATHER THE EMPEROR HAS ARRIVED AS OF THIS VERY MINUTE!
IS THIS TRUE?! HE'S LANDED?!
I AM OVERJOYED TO HEAR HIS PASSAGE WAS PEACEFUL.
GRNN
GRNN
GRNN
GRNN

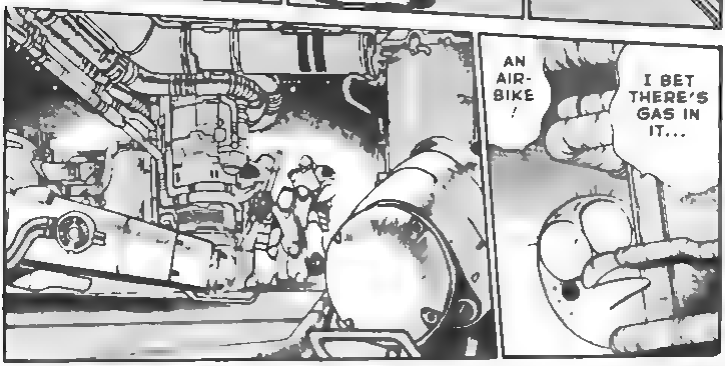
VMMMM
VMMMMM

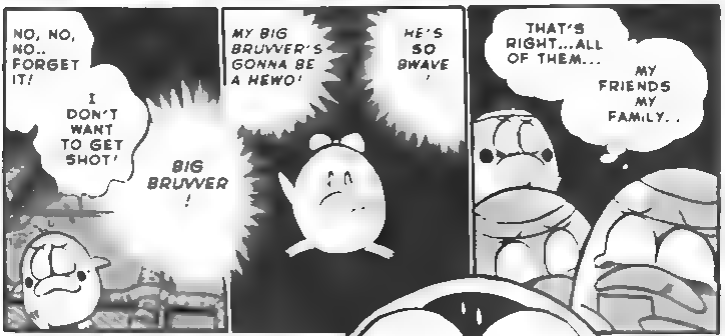
THAT ARROGANT SQUID... I CAN'T WAIT!
UH... EXCUSE ME
ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO-- DO IT EXACTLY THE WAY WE PLANNED
BUT I... I...
OKAY! COME ON, MASAHIKO!
GET YER FAT BUTT IN GEAR, BLOB!!
YE- MA AM
HEY, KARULA!
YEAH? WHAT?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AT KURGH'S PLACE, GIRL?
LIKE I TOLD YOU. I DON'T REMEMBER
YOU DON'T REMEMBER. GREAT. JUST GREAT.
THAT BASTARD... THEN WHY DID HE TAKE KARULA AWAY? THERE MUST BE SOMETHING...

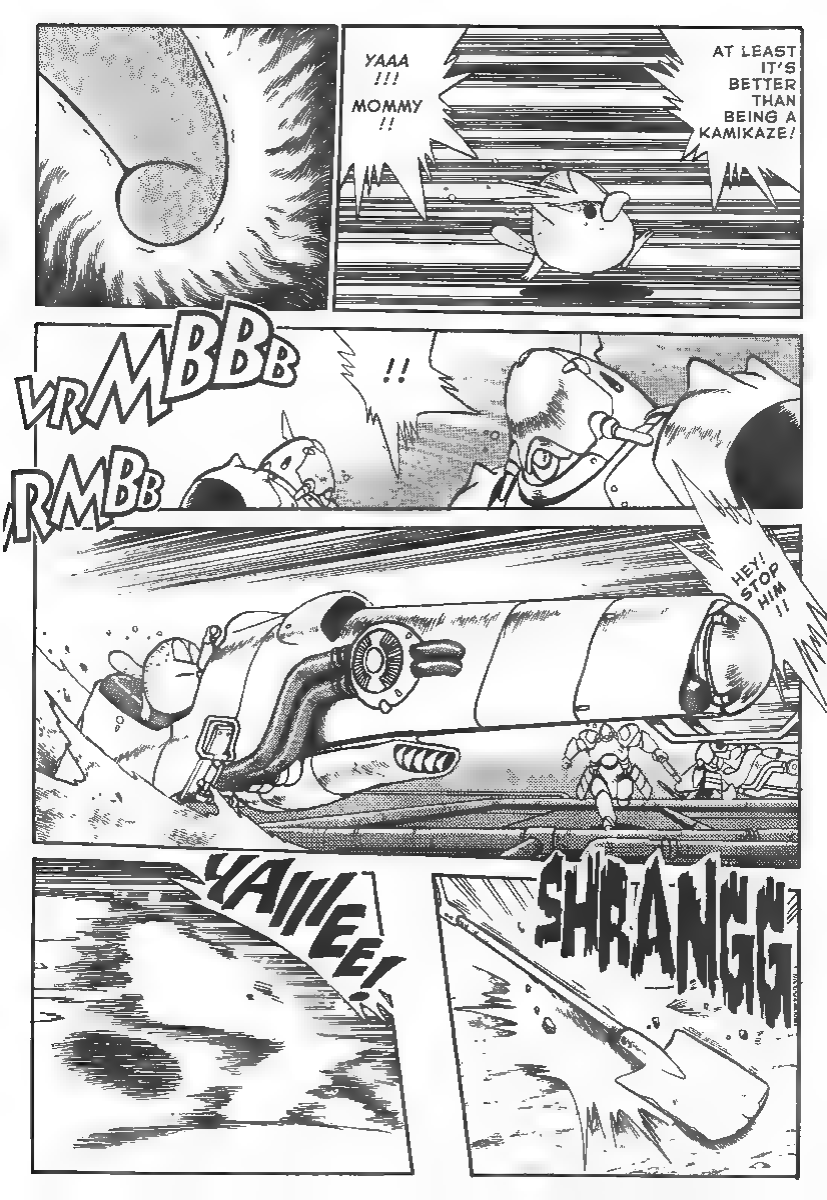
AND SHE'S *DIFFERENT*. SHE'S NOT THE SAME WOMAN I KNEW... THERE'S AN UNHOLY CONFIDENCE IN HER EYES. IT EVEN MAKES *ME* FEEL AFRAID...
SMACK
GRP!
AND JUST WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT, YOU SEX MANIAC?!
....
COME ON, DARD!
LET'S FLUSH TENTACLE BOY OUT OF HIS HOLE!
FINE BY ME, BUT...AIN'T THIS PLAN OF YOURS A LITTLE OPTIMISTIC?
KANG
KANG
KANG
KRANG

?!
HEY! WHA--
SHHH!
HEH HEH!


SHEESH... SET A FIRE TO PANIC THE EMPEROR ?
MISS KARULA MUST BE CRAZY...
FWAP FWAP
I MEAN, LIKE... HOW DO I START A FIRE IN A BUNCH OF PIPES?
HEY !


AN AIR-BIKE !
I BET THERE'S GAS IN IT...

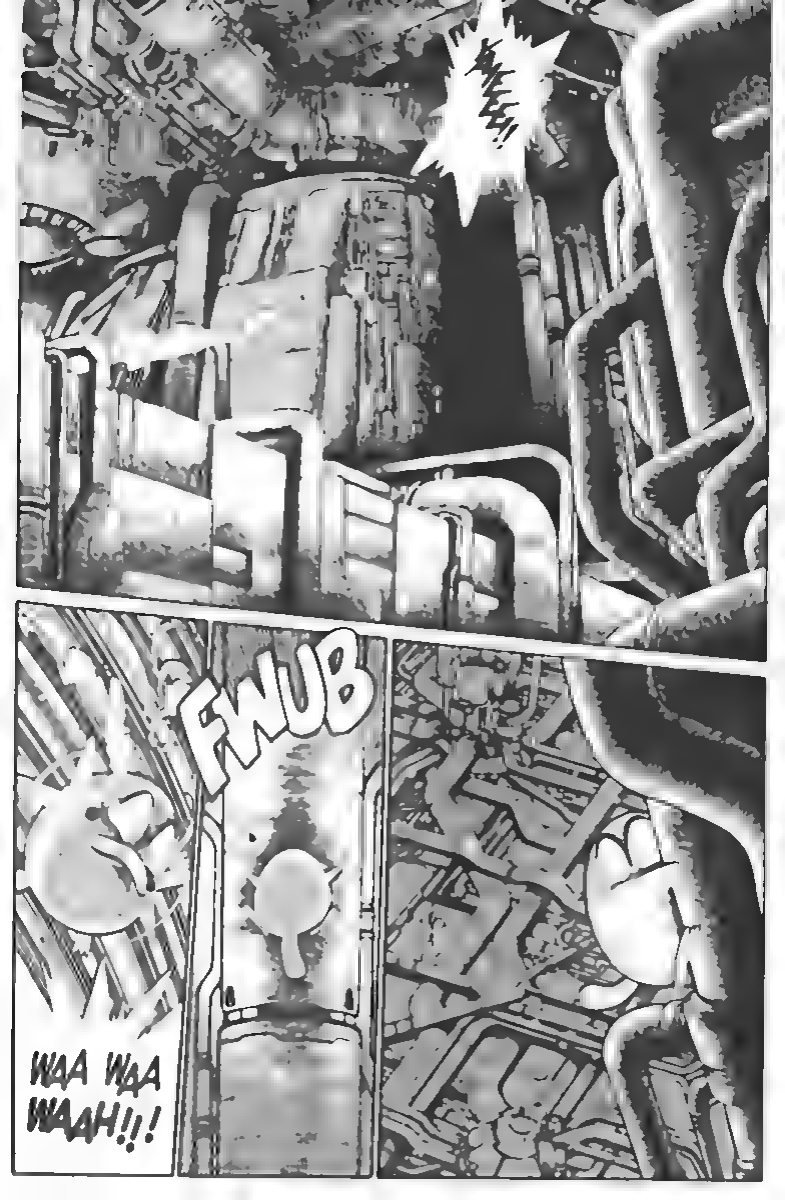

NO, NO, NO.. FORGET IT!
I DON'T WANT TO GET SHOT!
BIG BRUVVER !
MY BIG BRUVVER'S GONNA BE A HEWO!
HE'S SO BWAVE !
THAT'S RIGHT...ALL OF THEM...
MY FRIENDS MY FAMILY..


YAAA !!! MOMMY !!
AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THAN BEING A KAMIKAZE!
VRMBBBB
RMBBB
!!
HEY! STOP HIM !!
YAIIIEE!
SHRANGG

HEY, SHIT-HEAD! YA THREW DIRT ON ME!
YEAH ? SO ?!
WHY, YOU !
POW
YOU HIT MY PAL! NOW YOU GONNA DIE!!
FIGHT ! FIGHT !!
NOT ME, YOU KNOT-HEAD!!
STOP IT, YOU FOOLS !
STOP OR WE SHOOT !
!!

GET 'EM!
BASTARDS !!
FWAK
BKAM
BKAM
AIEE !!
BUDDA
BUDDA

VROOOSHH
BKOOM
BKOOM
MOMMYYYY !!


FWUB
WAA WAA WAAH!!!

WHKOOM
WHRAM
WHRAM
WOW! I DID IT...I DID IT!!
WHOOM
FIRE IN THE PITS!
YOU, CALL IN THE FIRE-FIGHTERS! YOU, COME WITH ME--WE'VE GOT TO GET THOSE VALVES CLOSED!

BAM BAM BALAM
WHDD WHDD WHDD
HAPPY HAPPY JOY JOY! I DID IT!
I WISH YOU COULD HAVE SEEN ME, MAM. YOUR BIG BROTHER'S A HERO!
SCREE SCREE

FORGET IT! THE FIRE'S TOO HOT!
WE NEED MORE MEN AND--
AEEI
FWHOOSH
WHROOM

IT IS INDEED AN HONOR FOR US ALL THAT YOUR EXALTED HIGHNESS HAS DEIGNED TO VISIT OUR HUMBLE CITY.
THE LOWLY CITIZENS OF RADOM WELCOME THE GLORIOUS EMPEROR GUSTAV WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS!
VERY WELL.
HRMM... I PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS, GLORY AND INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY OF RADOM. YOU ARE PERHAPS THE WELLSPRING OF OUR EMPIRE'S POWER...
MY LIEGE! YOUR WORDS FILL ME WITH JOY!

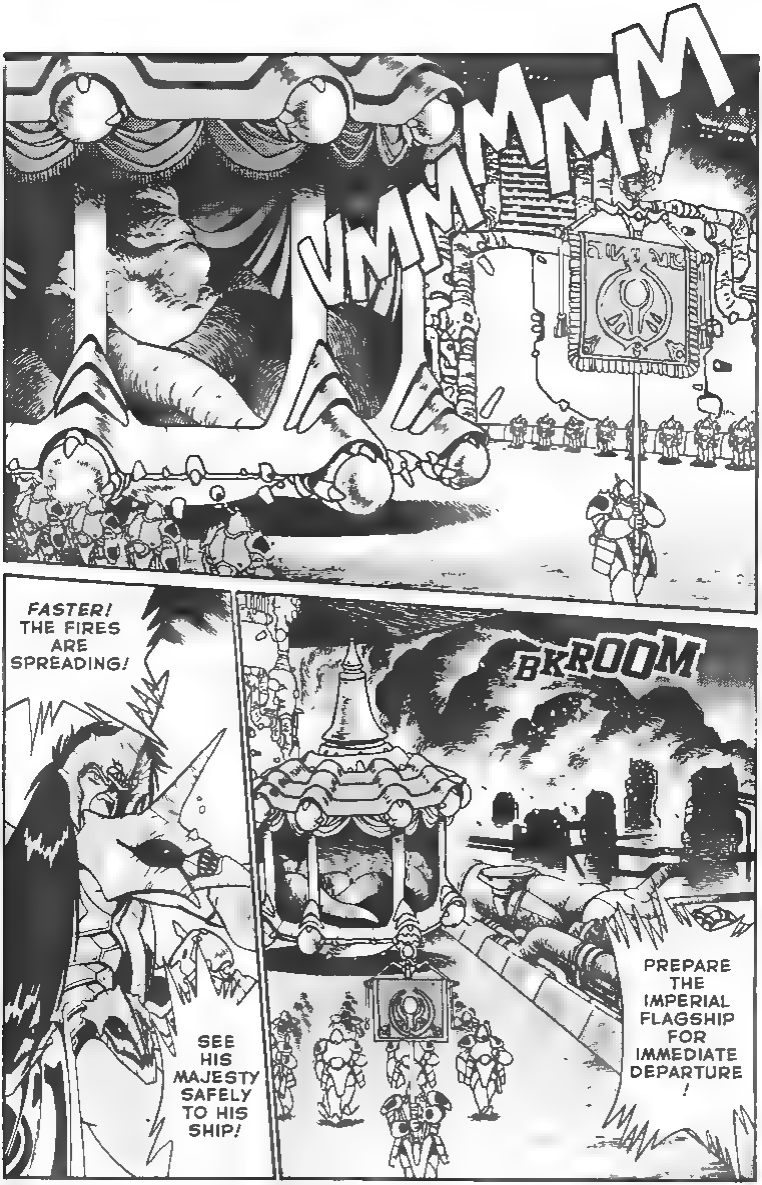
NOW THEN, KURGH...ARE WE EVER GOING TO HAVE THIS ENTERTAINMENT YOU PROMISED?
MY LORD! IT SHALL SOON BEGIN. ENJOY!
KURGH, YOU FILTHY SCHEMER... I KNOW YOU'RE PLOTTING SOMETHING...
WHAMM
!?

SHAKOOM

WHRAM
WHOOSH

BKOOM
BKOOM
WAKOOM

EH? WHAT IS THIS COMMOTION? IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF ENTERTAINMENT, KURGH?!
WHROOM
BKOOM
I-INDEED NOT, MY LORD!
A REPORT, MY LIEGE!
THE MINE WORKERS ARE RIOTING!
FIRES ARE SPREADING THROUGH THE CITY!
WHAT?!
BOYLE! THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! AN INSURRECTION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE EMPEROR?!
P-PATIENCE, MY LORD! WE HAVE IT UNDER CONTROL! IT WILL SOON BE--
SILENCE! I ABIDE NO EXCUSES!
HRRK!
I AM MOST DISPLEASED! I AM LEAVING IMMEDIATELY!


VMMMMM
FASTER! THE FIRES ARE SPREADING!
SEE HIS MAJESTY SAFELY TO HIS SHIP!
BKROOM
PREPARE THE IMPERIAL FLAGSHIP FOR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE!

WHRAKOOM
DAMNATION! THE FIRES HAVE REACHED THE BRIDGE TO THE PORT!
WE'LL HAVE TO GO THE LONG WAY AROUND!!
P-PRINCESS MINERVA!! LOOK!
FWHOOSH

NO, TENTACLE CAGE! BEEN AWAY A CRI

P-PRINCESS KARULA...?
SO...YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, I SEE. SOME FOOLS DON'T KNOW WHEN TO DIE!
THE BRAT OF LEDOMIAM, IS IT...?
YOU NEVER CHANGE, DO YOU?
I'VE LONGED FOR THIS MEETING, GUSTAV!

HOW MANY MONTHS SINCE I FAILED TO FINISH THE JOB I STARTED ?
I'VE BEEN LONGING FOR A SECOND CHANCE.
THIS TIME I'LL SLICE YOUR LOATHSOME BODY TO QUIVERING SHREDS!
HOW... HOW DARE YOU?!
I SHALL SLAY YOU MYSELF !
BWA HA HA... IT SEEMS YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND, PRINCESS. YOU CAN NEVER KILL ME.
AFTER SHE IS CAPTURED, I EXPECT TO ENJOY AT LEAST A YEAR OF HER TORMENT, KURGH.
WE..I, MY LORD...
...I'M AFRAID THERE'S BEEN A SMALL CHANGE IN THE SCRIPT.

WHAT ?
EXPLAIN YOUR-SELF!
RIGHT. I'LL WIPE OUT THE SMALL FRY.
YOU GO CHOP-CHOP THE BIG BLUBBERHEAD ALL YOU WANT, KARULA!
THIS IS WHAT I MEAN, YOUR HIGH-NESS...
AAGH ?!
K-KARULA.. ?!

HRRK!
KARULA!! WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU'VE GOT TO--
IT IS TIME, PRINCESS KARULA.
GIVE TO YOUR SWORD ITS FINAL POWER!
FEED IT THE BLOOD OF THE ONE YOU TREASURE ABOVE ALL OTHERS!!
SSHKK

K-KARULA... YOU...
FWDD

I... I DON'T UNDER-STAND

ZAKAK
ZAKAK
CAN YOU FEEL IT, KARULA...? THE PULSING HATRED OF THOSE YOU HAVE SLAUGHTERED...!
THEIR SOULS, KARULA!
THEIR BLOOD SHALL ENTER YOUR BODY...AND CONTROL YOU!

SHHZZK
ZNGGAA!!

DAMN YOU!! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO KARULA!?
NO
STOP!! GET OUT OF ME!!
NO

ALL TROOPS! AIM AND FIRE! EVERY-THING!!
SHRAKOOM
WHRAM

WHROOM
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ?!
NNO!

HALT!!
KCHOK
DAMN YOU! YOU SHALL NOT HARM MY FATHER!

KRAISIS...?
EVEN YOU...?
I JUST WANT TO LIVE IN A GLORIOUS NEW WORLD UNDER A NEW EMPEROR, MY LADY.
HA HA HA
SHIT!! BUNCH OF STINKING SLIMEBAGS, ALL OF YA!
!!

WHRAK
F-
FATHER...

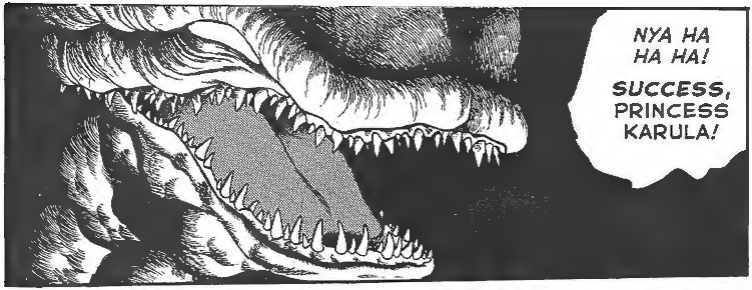
HYAAAA!!
GUSTAV!! YOUR TIME IS OVER!

WHRAM

RUMBLE
FWHOOMP
HRRNGH!

SHRAKOOM

WHOOSH
KARULA!!
FWUD



FROM NOW ON YOU SHALL SERVE THE NEW EMPEROR, HIS SWORD OF POWER IN YOUR HAND!

YOU SHALL SERVE THE *EMPEROR KURGH* !!

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